cable has not been laid at proper depth suitable action is taken against the defaulting officials.

(b) Cables in Bihar Sharif Short Distance Charging Areas (SDCA) under Patna Secondary Switching Area (SSA) have been laid mainly in accordance with the prescribed depth including the 20 pair underground cable from Nalanda to Daman Khandha. Some damage had occurred to the cable from Nalanda to Daman Khandha in the past due to laying of water pipe by local authorities. This was attended to and damaged portion of the cable was ultimately replaced. Since then, the telephones have been working satisfactorily.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of above.

Indigenous products for import substitution

*278. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Test House, in accordance with the charter of the organisation, is assisting industry in developing indigenous products for import substitution;

(b) if so, the number of such import substitutes developed;

(c) the details thereof since 1995, year-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details of the products in the indigenous development of which NTH assisted the Indian Industries are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Details of the products in the indigenous development of which NTH assisted the Indian industries

Sl. No.	Name of products	Name of the Client	Year	Details
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Cutter Blade	M/s. Tata Exports Ltd. Kolkata	1995	The item used to be imported for use in the Shaving & Splitting Machine in Leather Industries. NTH assisted in developing the item indigenously.
2.	Isothene Membrane	M/s. Lloyeds Insulation (I) Ltd., New Delhi	1995	NTH assisted the firm in developing the item through R&D work.
3.	Wear Resistance Alloy	M/s. Triveni Engg. Works Naini, Allahabad	1996	This item used to be imported for use as wear resistant in different areas of the works. NTH assisted in developing the item indigenously.
4.	Barrel Pin	M/s. Andrew Yule & Co. Ltd., Kolkata	1997	The item used to be imported for use in Rubber Extrusion Plant. NTH assisted in developing the item indigenously.
5.	Sealing Ring	-do-	1998	The item used to be imported for use in Diesel Generating Set. NTH assisted in developing the item indigenously.
6.	Silicon Resin Base Surface Coating	M/s. Silicon Industries (I) Ltd., Alwar	1998	This item used to be imported. NTH assisted the firm in developing the item indigenously.
7.	Resin Coated, Glass Fabric Base, High Tension Tape	M/s. CG-PPI Products, Goa a subsidiary of M/s. Crompton greaves	1999	NTH assisted in developing the item through R&D work.
8.	Static Energy Meter	M/s. Accurate Meters & M/s. Modern Meters	2001	NTH assisted in developing the item through R&D work.
9.	Polythene Base Proofing Material for Water Proofing	M/s. M.K. Petro Products Ltd., New Delhi	2001	NTH assisted in developing the item through R&D work.

1	2	3	4	5
10.	Crusher Jaws	M/s. Triveni Tisses Division of ITC Ltd., West Bengal	2001	This item used to be imported for manufacturing of Paper Pulp. NTH assisted in developing the item indigenously with Stainless Steel Casting. CA-40.
11.	Zinc Ethyl Silicate Paint	M/s. Shalimar Paints Ltd and Jenson & Nicolson Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata	2001	This item used to be imported for various purpose. NTH assisted in developing the said paint indigenously.
12.	Electrical Burden-Boxes of rating 125 VA to 500 VA	M/s. Audio Visual Co. Ltd., Kolkata	2002	This item used to be imported. NTH assisted in developing the item indigenously.
13.	Micro Cellular Soles for shoe manufacturing	M/s. Agra Rubber Industries Agra	2002	NTH assisted in developing the item through R and D work.
14.	Special Glass used for Radar System	M/s. Bharat Electricals Limited, Sahibabad	2002	This item used to be imported for use in the Radar System. NTH assisted in developing the item indigenously.
15.	Thermo-Plastic Road Marking Paint	M/s. Shalimar Paints Ltd., Asian Paints Ltd. and Berger Paints Ltd.	2003	This item used to be imported for use in National Highways. NTH assisted all the three firms in developing for the said purpose.
16.	FRP Cross Arms	M/s. Fibre Craft Engineers, New Delhi	2003	NTH assisted in developing the item through R and D work.
17.	Thermo Proof Satic Energy Meter	M/s. TT Ltd., New Delhi	2003	NTH assisted in developing the item through R and D work.

Waiving off monthly telecom rental

†*279. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to waive off monthly rental in telecommunication in order to compete with private companies;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.